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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application to read as follows:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the current paragraph beginning at line 21, page 4.

a! Briefly, an apparatus and method for dynamically creating security keys for a subscriber, having at least one pre-existing security credential set, allows the configuration for N key pairs or N keys (where the cryptographic system is a symmetric key system). Such a system provides flexibility in assigning cryptographic algorithms and cryptographic keys to facilitate a change in algorithm without requiring reinitialization of a processing unit or subscriber. In addition, there can be a change in signing algorithm from message to message, for example. The apparatus and method provides a configurable security key manifest, such as a template or table, operative to contain a non-prespecified number of security keys. A security officer or other source may input